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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decided December 29, 2009 and the Final Office Action of May 19, 2006, please consider the enclosed remarks and amendments. In accordance with 37 U.S.C. §1.114, a Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently with this Response.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.